

Subject: Testimony Against Supplemental Appropriation#23-9, Assistance to Access Abortion

Public Hearing July 26, 2022

I, Cecilia Ouyang, am a citizen of Montgomery County, and vehemently oppose tax funded abortions.

I believe County Executive Marc Elrich's recommendation to appropriate \$1,000,000 for women seeking abortion in Montgomery County and for assisting abortion clinics, is an impulsive reaction to the Supreme Court ruling overturning Roe v. Wade.

Abortions through out nine months of pregnancy have not ceased in Maryland.

Over 3.5 million dollars has been allocated by the Maryland Legislature through the Abortion Care Access Act which became law July 1, 2022.

Abortion Care Access Act has also guaranteed automatic allocation for Medicaid Abortions, and private insurance coverage of copayments and deductibles.

There are no specifications for the use of this supplemental appropriation as the needs have not been realized. There is even suggestion for more funds to assess the use of the allocation.

This sounds like a slush fund for promoting more abortion in this county, also attracting and supporting more out of state abortion clients. It's well known that people come to Maryland for abortions. Promoting it further is a disgrace to us that are opposed to abortion.

It would be best to not act so rashly and monitor the needs.

We should consider spending money to help pregnant women; perhaps a maternity home would be a positive effort. One million dollars seed money for a Mother and Child center would be a beautiful legacy that could be supported by the many of us who truly want to help women.

Thank you for your consideration.